GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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UNUTILIZED FUNDS UNDER RURAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the biggest challenge before the Government is proper utilization of funds by Sates under Rural Development Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government directed the State Governments to surrender theunutilized funds earmarked for rural development schemes; and

(d) if so, the response of the State Governments thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) Proper and full utilization of funds by States for Rural Development Schemes is one of the serious concerns of the Government.

(b) Some cases of non compliance of the Guidelines of the Schemes, includingmisappropriation and misutilisation of funds, have been noticed in certain States. Manyof the States have also not been able to fully utilize the funds available for the RuralDevelopment Schemes within the same financial year, leading to high Opening Balances in the subsequent year. .

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.